

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

GENERAL ORDER 08-012

The full Court met in executive session on Thursday, April 24, 2008 and approved an amendment to Local Rule 83.15 regarding Local Counsel: Designation for Service. The amendment reflects the current practice due to electronic case filing procedures. This is a technical amendment and does not require publication for comment.

The Court's Rules Committee discussed the technical amendment at its meeting of April 17, 2008. It recommended that the full Court adopt the proposed technical amendment to Local Rule 83.15.

The full Court considered the recommendation of the Rules Committee at its meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2008 and agreed to modify Local Rule 83.15. Therefore,

By direction of the full Court met in executive session on Thursday, April 24, 2008,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that LR83.15: Local Counsel: Designation for Service be amended as follows (additions shown thus, deletions shown ~~thus~~):

LR83.15. Local Counsel: Designation for Service

(a) Designation. An attorney not having an office within this District ("nonresident attorney") shall appear before this Court only upon having designated as local counsel a member of the bar of this Court having an office within this District upon whom service of papers may be made. Such designation shall be made at the time the initial notice or pleading is filed by the nonresident attorney. Local counsel shall ~~not file a separate~~ an appearance ~~unless that attorney is~~ but is not required to participate in the case beyond the extent required of an attorney designated pursuant to this rule.

(b) Penalties. Where the nonresident attorney tenders documents without the required designation of local counsel, the clerk shall process them as if the designation were filed and shall promptly notify the attorney in writing that the designation must be made within 30 days. If the attorney fails to file the designation within that time, the documents filed by the attorney may be stricken by the court.

(c) Duties of Local Counsel. Local counsel shall be responsible for receiving service of notices, pleadings, and other documents and promptly notifying the nonresident attorney of their receipt and contents. In emergencies, local counsel may appear on behalf of the nonresident attorney. This rule does not require local counsel to handle any substantive aspects of the litigation. Such matters may be handled by the nonresident attorney under LR83.12 or LR83.14. Nor does the rule require local counsel to sign any pleading, motion or other paper (*See* Fed.R.Civ.P. 11).

ENTER:
FOR THE COURT

Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this ____ day of April, 2008